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In re Application of:
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 13, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0317/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 29-35 and 43.